

# I-17 work means more delays, lane closures

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Drivers on the Interstate 17 will have delays this weekend and will continue to have lane restrictions through 2009.

The work is part of the major expansion project along I-17, according to Arizona Department of Transportation officials.

From 10 tonight until 9 a.m. Sunday, Loop 101 ramps to southbound I-17 will be closed. Drivers who would normally use the ramps can use either southbound 19th Avenue or 35th Avenue to Union Hills Drive.

Once Loop 101 ramps are reopened Sunday, they will be restricted to one lane until early 2009 while work on I-17 continues.

Drivers should also be aware that the southbound I-17 on-ramp south of Yorkshire Drive will be permanently closed to traffic beginning at 9 p.m. today. Traffic will be able to access I-17 by continuing on the southbound frontage road to enter the freeway at Union Hills Drive.

The ramp closure at Yorkshire Drive is necessary to construct additional lanes on I-17 and improve traffic flow by eliminating weaving southbound traffic entering the freeway between Yorkshire and Union Hills Drives.

The I-17 widening project will add a general-purpose lane and a carpool lane in each direction between Loop 101 and Carefree Highway by the end of 2009. An additional widening project will add a general purpose lane from Carefree Highway to Anthem Way by 2010.